

## **2011 State of the Sound Overview**

In 2011, the Puget Sound Partnership will produce a State of the Sound report. This overview document presents the statutory requirements, current status and working assumptions, and a high level outline and in-progress schedule.

### **State of the Sound Statutory Requirements**

RCW 90.71.370: By November 1st of each odd-numbered year beginning in 2009, the council shall produce a state of the Sound report that includes, at a minimum:

- (a) An assessment of progress by state and nonstate entities in implementing the action agenda, including accomplishments in the use of state funds for action agenda implementation;
- (b) A description of actions by implementing entities that are inconsistent with the action agenda and steps taken to remedy the inconsistency;
- (c) The comments by the panel [*Science Panel*] on progress in implementing the plan, as well as findings arising from the assessment and monitoring program;
- (d) A review of citizen concerns provided to the partnership and the disposition of those concerns;
- (e) A review of the expenditures of funds to state agencies for the implementation of programs affecting the protection and recovery of Puget Sound, and an assessment of whether the use of the funds is consistent with the action agenda; and
- (f) An identification of all funds provided to the partnership, and recommendations as to how future state expenditures for all entities, including the partnership, could better match the priorities of the action agenda.

### **State of the Sound Assumptions**

- Audience includes the Legislature, media, Partnership members and interested parties.
- The State of the Sound is the Partnership's performance report. It will include a Partnership statement about progress made, implementation challenges and recommendations to better direct funding towards the highest priority actions.
- The Partnership is building an online reporting system like Chesapeake Stat. It will be up and running after the 2011 State of the Sound report is completed. For this year, staff recommends a shorter paper report with online presentation to serve as a prototype for the online system. The technical back up will be available online as appendices. The report will be more graphical and less text heavy than 2009.
- Findings arising from the assessment and monitoring program: This section will include, but may not be limited to reporting on the Dashboard of Ecosystem Indicators and status of recovery targets.

- The assessment of progress: This reporting will focus on Near Term Action implementation and be through the end of the biennium (June 30, 2011). It will include state agency and other implementers. Partnership staff will review and discuss findings with implementing agencies before the report is released.
- Action Agenda consistency: Consistency needs to be defined.

### **High Level Working Outline**

- I. Letter from Leadership Council
- II. Charge to the PSP (vision, mission, PSP goals, Recovery targets)
- III. Performance Management System Overview (very short)
- IV. Reporting on the Ecosystem Dashboard of Indicators
- V. Reporting on Pressure Reduction Targets
- VI. Reporting on Action Agenda Implementation Progress (focus on pressure reduction targets, other pressures, will highlight progress from around Puget Sound)
- VII. Action Agenda Consistency (need to define)
- VIII. Funding Reporting (notes: use pie charts)
- IX. Recommendations: How Future Expenditures Could Better Match the Priorities of the Action Agenda (needs to link to changes in the 2011 Action Agenda and Biennial Science Work Plan update and future updates)

### **Appendices**

- A. Letter from the Science Panel on Progress
- B. Dashboard of Indicators Technical Appendix
- C. Pressure Reduction Technical Appendix
- D. Near Term Action Progress Summary
- E. Financial Summary
- F. Funded Near Term Actions by State Agency
- G. Citizen Concerns and Disposition of Concerns

### **In Progress Timeline**

Major elements of the State of the Sound report are being scoped. A high level schedule follows:

- Findings from the Monitoring Program: draft by early summer
- August 15-Sept 2: Discuss reporting with state agencies, others if included
- September 13-14: Science Panel comments on progress and final approval (if not before of findings from assessment and monitoring program)
- September 19-30: Final review with Governor's office and Leadership Council
- October 3-7: Make final edits
- October 11: Final copy to Leadership Council
- October 20, 21: Leadership Council approves
- Nov 1, 2011: PSP submits State of the Sound to Gov, legislature, and available to public